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SUBJECT: JAPAN/EEC/USG BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
GENEVA FOR PHELAN
PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HANAOKA FROM M. B.
SMITH:

USG LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING IN LONDON NOVEMBER 29 AND 30
WITH JAPANESE AND EC TEXTILE REPRESENTATIVES. WE ASSUME
THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE INFORMAL AND WITHOUT FIXED
AGENDA. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST
THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS BE DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING
(A) THE DECEMBER 2 AND 3 TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING AND
ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE THERE, (B) A REVIEW OF THE MFA AND
ITS OPERATION OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,
(C) THE FUTURE OF THE MFA, ITS PROSPECT FOR RENEWAL,
EXTENSION, OR RENEGOTIATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE
ASSUME THAT JAPAN, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND THE USG
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ARE OF ONE ACCORD IN WISHING TO KEEP THE POLITICALLY

SENSITIVE TEXTILE ISSUE FROM COMPLICATING THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THEREFORE, IT IS NOT TOO
EARLY TO BEGIN EXAMINING NOW THE MFA'S FUTURE.

THE USG SIDE HAS NOT YET COMPLETED ITS TRAVEL PLANS FOR
THE LONDON MEETING. AS SOON AS THEY ARE COMPLETED, WE
SHALL ADVISE YOU. HOWEVER, AT THE MINIMUM, WE WILL
BE PREPARED TO BEGIN THE BILATERAL TALKS SATURDAY
AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 29. IF AIRLINE SCHEDULES PERMIT,
WE MAY BE ABLE TO BEGIN THE TALKS EARLIER THAT DAY AND
WE WILL LET YOU KNOW. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING
US WHERE IN LONDON THE TALKS WILL BE HELD AND WHO IN
YOUR LONDON EMBASSY IS COORDINATING DETAILS. KISSINGER

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